445th Commanders....past, present, future

By Staff Sgt. Charlie Miller 445th Public Affairs

In the 1960's song "Turn, Turn, Turn" made popular by The Byrds the lyrics say "To everything there is a season, a time to gain, a time to lose (Turn, Turn, Turn)." Those few simple words paint an accurate picture of the 445th as Col. Bruce E. Davis assumed command of the wing on Sunday, May 16, 2004.

With a decidedly different approach, the first thing Col. Davis did was put the wing "at ease" and told the troops to stretch, adjust their hats, etc. He then addressed the wing for the first time as commander.

"Typically, a new commander will tell you about themselves," the colonel said. He then turned the tables and told the wing about the many accomplishments it had made in the last four plus years.

"I looked back to the year 2000 and figured it would take about two hours to read." He then listed some two dozen of the most important events in the wings recent history.

"Just recently CNN Headline News did a five minute piece on the medivac mission," Col. Davis said. "The amazing thing is that CNN normally gives you about 30 seconds but you got five minutes."

The colonel thanked Brig. Gen. Rusty Moen for the chance to take the command of such a fine unit then said "I don't know if you could see it out in the audience, but Gen. Moen was misty eyed," the colonel said. "I have never seen him get misty eyed and I've known him since the 70's. That says it all."

Col. Davis comes to the wing from Dover Air Force Base, Del., where he commanded the 512th Airlift Wing, a C-5 Galaxy Associate wing. The 445th is slated for conversion to the C-5 in the near future.



Maj. Gen. Robert E. Duignan, left, former 445th commander and Brig. Gen. Rusty Moen, present 445th commander, and Col. Bruce Davis, future 445th commander salutes the flag at the 445th Change of Command ceremony on Sunday, May 16. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Raquel Matthews)

Passings of the torch

By Capt. Chaplain Bill Dickens 445th Wing Chaplain

"Parting is such sweet sorrow."
These words of William Shakespeare echo our sentiments as we bid a fond "Farewell" to Brig. Gen. Rusty Moen and a hearty "Welcome" to our new commander, Col. Bruce Davis. The Bible is filled with examples of "changes of command." The outcomes of some of those changes were discouraging to say the least. However, there are many examples of successful passings of the torch: Moses to Joshua, Elijah to Elisha, etc.

As we look to the future with the 445th, we are reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul, "I thank my God upon every rememberance of you." (Philippians 1:3) We will miss Gen. Moen and we thank him for the leadership he has provided for the last two years. Yet, in that same letter, Paul says, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." (Philippians 3:13) We look forward to the leadership Col. Davis will provide in the coming years, as we look toward the conversion from the C-141.

Remembering the past and anticipating the future, makes parting company both sweet and sorrowful. Our prayers go out to Gen. Moen and his family for success in their future endeavors and to Col. Davis and his family for wisdom and courage as he leads us into the future.



445th Senior leaders from left to right, Col. Hunter, Col. Breed, Lt. Col. Baker, Col. Blackman and Lt Col. Doss kick-off the new "Fit to Fight" program. (Photo by Maj. Ted Theopolos)

On your mark, get set, GO!

By Master Sgt. Annette Jones 445th Fitness Coordinator

The 445th Airlift Wing's senior leaders gathered to kick-off the Air Force's new "Fit to Fight" fitness standards on April 16. The new standards consist of body composition, strength and aerobic fitness measurements which include 1½ mile run, push-ups and crunches. The new evaluation is more fitting of the demands put on airmen in today's expeditionary climate. This is not intended to be a pass-a-test-once-a-year; rather, the emphasis is to change the culture of how Air Force people approach health and fitness. The great thing about this new approach to fitness is it can be done just about anywhere you are. You don't need a fancy gym or equipment to maintain your fitness just a good pair of running shoes and cooperative weather.

Units have begun testing and will continue through the end of the year. ALL members must test by Dec. 31. If you have not yet started an exercise program, now would be a great time to do so. The key here is to start SLOWLY! The course for the mile and a half run for Bass Lake has

been marked. It begins at the corner of Vandenberg and Arnold streets with each ½ mile marked on the pavement, proceed to the ¾ mile marker and return to complete the 1½ mile run.

You may want to check out the classes being held in the 445th Fitness Center located in Bldg. 4014. Currently we offer indoor cycling and step aerobics both of which are great for aerobic conditioning and endurance. These classes can be tailored for beginners, intermediate or advanced. In addition, mats are available to do sit-ups. If you would like to start an exercise program but are unsure how, personal trainers are available that can help design a program for you. Check the 445th Intranet for dates and times for the classes or contact Master Sgt. Annette Jones by e-mail or at 7-7551, ext. 4226.

So, how did our senior leaders measure up to the new standards? The group consensus was they thought the test was challenging, however, they were encouraged that with proper training and effort, success could be achieved. According to Col. James Blackman, 445th Operations Group commander, "I'm glad we're finally using this program. Many members have long wanted a true measurement of their total fitness and not merely their height and weight measured."

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Commanders

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"I've done conversions before. I believe I can help out," the new commander said.

"Col. Davis is someone who knows the job," said former 445th commander Maj. Gen. Robert E. Duignan who presided over the ceremony. Gen. Duignan is commander of Fourth Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

Gen. Moen addressed the wing for the last time as commander and thanked the members for their support during his tenure describing his departure as a happy and sad time. He said he was truly sad to leave but happy to see Col. Davis coming in.

"Someone asked me what Bruce was like and I said that he was tall, handsome and smarter than me but other than those deficiencies he'll do fine," Gen. Moen quipped.

"Col. Davis brings a wealth of experience to the wing," Gen. Moen said. "His previous C-5 experience makes him uniquely qualified to come to Wright-Patterson as Wing Commander." Gen. Moen, who leaves the 445th after serving as commander for two years, will be working for the Chief of the Air Force Reserve at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Aside from commanding the 512th for the last two years, Col. Davis was commander of the 920th Rescue Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., from June



Col. Bruce Davis, left, the new 445th commander, is greeted and welcomed by reservists including 1st Lt. Sharon Dondlinger, right, 445th Security Forces Squadron, at the Change of Command ceremony on May 16. Col. Davis elected not to dwell on his accomplishments but the wing's accomplishments it had made in the last four years. (Photo by Master Sgt. Doug Moore)

1999 to December 2001. He served as Operations Group Commander, C-130-H3, at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y. from August 1997 to June 1999.

The colonel was vice commander at Tuzla Air Base, Bosnia from June 1996 to November 1996 where he served under former 445th commander Brig. Gen. (ret.) Paul Cooper.

Col. Davis enlisted in the Air Force in 1969 in Fort Worth, Texas. He entered the Air Force Academy in 1970 and graduated in 1974. He left active duty in 1984 to join the Air Force Reserve's 68th Military Airlift Squadron, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, where he accepted an air reserve technician position in 1986. He is a command pilot with more than 5,800 flying hours.

4th AF commander pats wing on the back

By Staff Sgt. Charlie Miller 445th Public Affairs

A familiar face to many of the 445th members was on the stage for the change of command. Former 445th commander Maj. Gen. Robert E. Duignan presided over the ceremony. Gen. Duignan is commander, Fourth Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, Calif.

"I've kept my eye on the 445th and it's not hard to do. It's a treat to see you perform the way you have. The things you are doing around the world are absolutely amazing. It does not surprise me a bit to see the things this wing has done."

"Who would have thought that you could take a 40-yearold plane and triple its' flying hours? The wings' performance has been superb."

With the current operations tempo, the activations and other missions and taskings the wing has been very busy.

"I realized that the training we did ten years ago came into play and became a reality."

Gen. Duignan thanked the wing for all its' hard work during his address at the change of command.

"The country is better off due to your efforts. I thank you for what you've done. I thank you and your families."

"It was fun to come back. I plan to stay in touch."

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Employers listen to Senior Master Sgt. Frank Valensi, 445th Maintenance Squadron, right, explaining the C-141 inspection process while walking them through the C-141 aircraft. (*Photo by Senior Airman Chris Polites*)

By Master Sgt. John Klemack 445th Public Affairs

ay 1st was a banner day when 38 civilian employers of the wing's Citizen Airmen turned out for Employer Appreciation Day. The annual event is co-sponsored by the wing commander and the Ohio State Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The program features mission briefings, demonstrations, hands-on training participation, an orientation flight aboard a C-141 Starlifter, and a visit to wing areas to meet reservists' Air Force supervisors and co-workers.

"It's a chance to show our employers how much we appreciate their support of our people and the contributions of our wing to the nation's defense," said Col. Keith D. Kries, 445th AW vice commander. The day started with a continental breakfast and a wing mission briefing. Mr. Woody Stroud, volunteer interim chairman of the Ohio ESGR committee, discussed employer and reservist rights and the assistance available through the ESGR committee.

The 445th Security Forces Squadron was the next stop on the day's itinerary. SFS Citizen Airmen presented their mission to a rapt audience. The employers then visited their Firearms Training System facility, where they experienced, hands-on, the same type of firearms proficiency training and qualification required of their Citizen Airmen.

Employers then met with members of the 445th Maintenance Squadron, while the maintainers walked them through a C-141 and explained the defect inspection process. During the two-hour orientation flight, Covington, Ky. Assistant Fire Chief Chuck Norris said he was impressed with the ability of 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron technicians and nurses to care for patients in flight. AES members had set up litters and equipment in the aircraft to demonstrate in-flight patient care. "Watching them do their thing in this difficult environment – they have to be really prepared," said Chief Norris.

Mr. David Corcoran, who has two sons in the Air Force, is customer service director at the Post Office in Springfield, Ohio. He said he was thrilled with the entire day's program, calling it a "great experience." Mr. Corcoran supervises Staff Sgt. Charlie Miller in his civilian job

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Civilian Employment Information program underway

R eservists from throughout the armed forces began registering their civilian places of employment for the first time with the Department of Defense March 31.

Called the Civilian Employment Information program, the registration is the first mandatory disclosure by the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve of their civilian employers into a common database.

"This information will be used to meet three different requirements defined by federal law," said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB. "During activations or presidential mobilizations, the Department of Defense needs to consider the impact on our civilian communities and ensure that reservists fulfilling critical civilian occupations are not kept in service longer than absolutely necessary. Also, we have an obligation to inform those civilians who employ reservists of their rights and responsibilities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act."

The Civilian Employment Information program culminates a year long effort to establish a Department of Defense-wide system to collect information and understand who employs the 1.2 million members of the reserve components.

Air Force reservists can enter their employer data by going to the new Defense Manpower Data Center Web site at: https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/Guard-ReservePortal.

"Our Citizen Airmen balance the demands of their military service with those of their families and civilian employers," said General Batbie. "To make the Air Force mission a success, our reservists go above and beyond the commitments of civilian life. We want to make sure that their rights are protected and that they can return to their important civilian roles in our communities."

About 75,800 Air Force reservists train on full and part-time duty – ready for immediate tasking from higher headquarters. Since Sept. 11, 2001, about one in four Air Force reservists has been called up at some point. About 6,000 Air Force reservists are currently mobilized – on full-time, active-duty status by order of the president. Many other reservists volunteer to deploy worldwide for three months or longer missions.

According to Defense Department officials, the Civilian Employment Information database may be used to determine which units or reservists should be mobilized or de-mobilized first. Unlike previous military service efforts to voluntarily gather employer data, this new program is mandatory. Reservists and guardsmen who knowingly fail or refuse to provide their employment-related information, or provide false information, may be subject to administrative action or punishment.

"The Civilian Employment Information program is an extension of our reservists' personnel data records," said Col. Michael A. Cleveland, director of personnel for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command. "This means that the information is covered under previous privacy act systems and is closely protected for official use only."

The new database is expected to be used by the Defense Department staff, the Joint staff, the military services staffs, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization and the Defense Manpower Data Center.

All services will provide unit commanders with compliance reports that will allow commanders to ensure subordinates have entered employer information to the database and that the information is being maintained on at least an annual basis.

"Each branch of the service is setting its own timeline to ensure that their reserve component members are entering their information," said Colonel Cleveland. "The final program goal is to have 95 percent of the Selected Reserve and 75 percent of the Individual Ready Reserve registered by the end of 2005."

After clicking on the Web site, reservists enter their employment status, employer's names, mailing addresses, civilian job titles and total number of years in their current civilian occupations.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve staff will not directly contact any employer about an individual reservist unless the reservist asks for assistance with an employer issue. However, ESGR will send general information to employers including surveys to determine employer attitudes as well as efforts to develop positive relationships with employers and support for reservists and guardsmen. (AFRC News Service)

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at the post office. Sgt. Miller is a public affairs specialist with the wing PA office.

Tech. Sgt. Larry Moorman, 87th Aerial Port Squadron, who also works at the Springfield Post Office, sponsored his civilian boss, manager of customer services, Mr. Tim Fagan. "Seeing things up close like this is really informative and gives us a better perspective on the mission," said Mr. Fagan.

The employers beamed as they boarded the bus to return to the wing headquarters building to meet up with their respective reservists. Giving the thumbs-up sign, one of them shouted, "You guys put on a great show!" as the rest of the group endorsed his "review" with a hearty round of applause.

Staff Sgt. Sandi Golden-Vest, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, left, explains her job to her civilian employer, Ms. Patricia Andrews, while flying on a C-141 aircraft.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris Polites

"Runnin 'N' Gunnin"

in very harsh conditions



Senior Airmans Caleb Monday, left, and James Jones, right, of the 445th Security Forces Squadron, move quietly through the woods of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., while on a squad patrol exercise as part of "Brave Defender". (Courtesy photo)

By Master Sgt. William Spradlin 445th Security Forces Squadron

The 445th Security Forces tough training of urban warfare and convoy ambush from "Brave Defender" training course reflected real world combat missions now in Iraq.

The 445th Security Forces Squadron deployed 31 personnel to "Brave Defender" April 15 - 30 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. However, this school was certainly no "day at the beach" for the Wright-Patt cops. Under the direction of the cadre' at the 96th Ground Combat

Training Squadron the 445th defenders lived in austere field conditions in the woods and worked 16-18 hour days.

Training included classroom and field exercises on leadership planning for air base defense, force protection sensor and electronics technology, defensive fighting positions, field combat communications, convoy procedures, patrol procedures in hostile environments, and Military Operations in Urban Terrain. The most valuable training the 96th cadre' provided was immediate lessons learned from the current Middle East theater of operations, especially how to survive convoy

ambushes and combat in village or town type environments. This was real world tough training with lesson plans being learned the hard way overseas right now. The last four days of Brave Defender was a full blown combat exercise putting the Security Forces against an opposing force that attacked the "base" day and night. The 445th cops and their fellow students prevailed every time in the exercise, successfully defending the base and also capturing the "town" outside the gate from a hostile occupying force.

The 445th cops all agreed that the Brave Defender course was the best training they have yet attended to prepare them for performing their mission in a hostile environment. The 96th GCTS cadre' lauded the 445th Reserve Defenders for the outstanding teamwork, maturity and spirit they displayed while "runnin and gunnin" in very harsh conditions. The 96th cadre' told the 445th SFS first sergeant that the Wright Patt

team was "just as good or better" than any active duty team ever seen at the school.

Recently awarded the 2003 Air Force Reserve Outstanding Security Forces unit award, the members of the 445th Security Forces Squadron proved once again that they are really award winners every day, truly ready and willing to serve in the USAF Total Force.

Welcome and Congratulations!

Promotions

Congratulations to the following personnel, recently promoted to the rank indicated.

Airman First Class

Jimmy Montalvo, 445 ASTS Nicholas Mott, 445 LRS Jaime Roberts, 445 CF Sunny Saltzman, 445 ASTS

Senior Airman

Sulaiman Abdalbasir, 445 ASTS Brentave Alexander, 445 LRS Trevor Bachman, 445 CES John Burton, III, 445 CLSS Markus Coleman, 445 AMXS Julian Cook, 445 CES Mathina Evans, 445 MSF Robert Harris, 445 CLSS Richard Johnson, 445 AMXS Matthew Keechle, 87 APS Brian Kelsey, 445 AMXS Mason Lachniet, 87 APS Martin Moleski, 445 CLSS Joshua Oram, 87 APS Angela Robertson, 445 ASTS Scott Trivett, 445 CES Jade Warner, 445 LRS Charlotte Williams, 445 MSF

Staff Sergeant

James Carpenter, 445 CES John Fenwick, 445 CES Kari Mechenbier, 445 SVF Shannon Meyer, 445 SFS William Ryan, 445 CLSS Geof Weimerskirch, 445 SFS

Technical Sergeant

Chelsie Bovce, 445 ASTS Stacie Bucholtz, 445 AES Clay Bucy, 445 CES Richard Burkheiser, 445 MXS Sean Collins, 445 CES Jason Conley, 445 CES Jamie Dver. 445 CES Jennifer Davis, 445 AMXS Robert Hamilton, 445 MXS Sheri Harrison, 445 OSS Hans Jagow, 445 AES William Larue, 445 AES Timothy Leedy, 445 MXS Allen Ligon, 445 ASTS Ronald Round, 445 ASTS David Woods, 87 APS

Master Sergeant

Beth Bohman, 87 APS
Robert Bowman, 445 AMXS
Karen Givens, 445 AMXS
Justin McQueary, 445 AMDS
Ronald Wenclewicz, 445 ASTS

Senior Master Sergeant

Robert Bowen, 445 MXS John Mangas, 87 APS



Chief Master Sergeant
Charles Burger 445

Charles Burger, 445 MXS



Awards

Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently earned awards.

Meritorious Service Medal

TSgt. Christel Zajbel, 445 AMDS MSgt. William Phipps, 445 AMXS MSgt. Terrance Williams, 445 CLSS Maj. Kurt Greenlee, 445 AW Maj. Scott Provost, 356 AS LTC Gregory Green, 89 AS LTC Richard Hyland, 89 AS LTC Brian Dominguez, 356 AS

Air Force Commendation

TSgt. Timothy Back, 445 AMDS TSgt. Thomas Dyer, 445 MXS TSgt. RaymondEiemann, 445 AMXS TSgt. Randy Hodges, 445 AMXS TSgt. Robin Landon, 445 AMXS TSgt. David Lenon, 445 AMXS TSgt. Chad Wassom, 356 AS TSgt. Edwin Wiegand, 445 AMXS TSgt. Glerick Dale, 445 MXS MSgt. Gregory King, 445 AMXS MSgt. Harold Seymour, 445 ASTS MSgt. Mark Tobias, 445 AMXS Maj. Beth Ivers, 445 ASTS

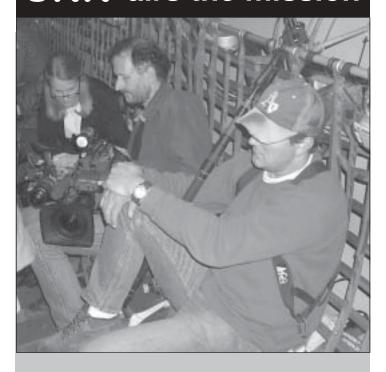
Newcomers

Welcome to the following reservists, recently assigned to the 445th AW:

AB Tommy McGuffey, 445 LRS Amn Jondra Boles, 445 ASTS Amn Nicholas Mott, 445 LRS A1C Bryant Corde, 445 MXS A1C Timothy Emberton, 445 MXS A1C Michael Goody, 87 APS A1C David Gordley, 445 CES A1C Jeremiah Odom, 445 LRS A1C Joseph Poorman, 445 CES A1C Charles Rider, 87 APS A1C Patricia Rose, 445 ASTS A1C Christopher Simmons, 445 ASTS

A1C Cheryl Whitacre, 445 ASTS SrA Darrel Blevens, 445 AES SrA Calvitta Collins, 445 AMDS SrA Cory Cook, 445 AMXS SrA Michael Harrington, 445 AMXS SrA Gilbert Hildebrand II, 445 AES SrA Matthew Kreate, 445 AMXS SrA Ryan McCray, 445 AMXS SrA Cherii Palet, 445 MSS SrA Brandy Stern, 87 APS SrA Sean Williams, 445 SFS SSgt. Bernard Adkins, 445 LRS SSgt. Keith Beckerich, 445 AES SSgt. Graham Dondlinger, 87 APS SSgt. Stephen Graves, 445 CLSS SSgt. Mark Harden, 445 ASTS SSgt. Diane Johnson, 445 AMDS SSgt. William Laseur, 445 AMDS SSgt. Chad Moystner, 445 MXS SSgt. Amy Soltz, 445 ASTS SSgt. Kristen Parsons, 445 MSS SSgt. Angela Wingate, 445 AMDS TSgt. Bernard Green, 445 AMXS Capt. Nancie Foster, 445 ASTS Capt. Michael Pelger, 445 ACF Maj. Dorothy Clark, 445 AES

CNN airs the mission



Senior CNN correspondent Beth Nissen, left, views film footage with camerman William Walker, center, as audio man Ted Lener, right, takes a nap on a 445th C-141 aircraft. CNN crew was on an aeromedical evacuation flight from Ramstein Air Base, Germany to Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The crew filmed many aeromedical members from New York and Virginia Air National Guard. CNN also interviewed Senior Master Sgt. Ricky Smith, 89th Airlift Squadron, and Maj. Steve Griffin, 445th Operations Group. The five minute segment aired on CNN May 5 and can be viewed at the 445th Public Affairs office.

(Photo by Maj. Ted Theopolos)





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General Sherrard Relinquishes Command, Retires

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III relinquished command of Air Force Reserve Command during a ceremony at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., May 11. The ceremony was presided over by Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., AFRC vice commander, will lead the command until General Sherrard's replacement is confirmed by the Senate.

President George W. Bush nominated Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley to replace General Sherrard and to be promoted to lieutenant general.

General Sherrard returned to say goodbye to friends and associates, and conclude a military career that spanned nearly four decades. His retirement will take effect June 1.

AFRC Hiring Recruiters

The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Squadron is accepting applications for recruiting duty. This can be the most challenging and self-gratifying job you will ever have. Only the best need to apply. As a reserve recruiter you'll have the opportunity to serve on active duty as an AGR and enjoy the outstanding benefits as well. A more vital enlisted profession does not exist in the United States Air Force Reserve. It's a tough, tremendously challenging, satisfying and rewarding job. If you are interested in applying, call Senior Master Sgt. Mike Bibby, Senior Recruiter at 937-257-6884.



Volunteer for the Marathon

The USAF Marathon is scheduled for September 18 at Wright-Patterson AFB. Volunteers are needed for the 445th watering station located at the boyscout camp beginning at 6 a.m. A free shirt will be given to the volunteers. Everyone is welcome including family members. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Julie Damron at 257-7688. Come out for fun and cheer on the run.

445th Golf Scramble

The 445th Annual Golf Scramble is scheduled for July 9 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The scramble will be at Sugar Isle Golf Course located in New Carlisle, Ohio. The cost is \$200 per team to include food and drink. Team registration is starting now. Please e-mail: john.gram@wpafb.af.mil for team registration as soon as possible. Teams are filling up fast! For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Ray Combs at 7-2597 or Master Sgt. John Gram at 7-3434. All proceeds from this outing will benefit the 445th Chiefs group.